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June 14, 2013

TO: Each Supervisor

FROM: Jonathan E. Fielding, M.D., M.P.H.
Director and Health Officer

SUBJECT: **NOTIFICATION OF THE USE OF DELEGATED AUTHORITY TO
ACCEPT NOTICE OF AWARD NUMBER 1U51PS004028-01 REVISED
FROM THE CENTERS FOR DISEASE CONTROL AND PREVENTION
FOR VIRAL HEPATITIS PREVENTION COORDINATION SERVICES**

This is to notify you that I am exercising the delegated authority approved by your Board on November 13, 2012, to accept and implement a Notice of Award (NA) from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) to provide support for a Viral Hepatitis Prevention Coordinator (VHPC) to enhance Viral Hepatitis services for the period of November 1, 2012 through October 31, 2013, at an estimated amount of \$125,000, subject to review and approval by County Counsel, and notification to your Board and the Chief Executive Office.

On December 6, 2012, I notified your Board that I was accepting NA Number 1U51PS004028-01, in the amount of \$54,450, representing 50 percent of the total anticipated award of \$108,900 for the period of November 1, 2012 through October 31, 2013 for Viral Hepatitis Coordination Services.

Under the delegated authority referenced above, I will accept NA Number 1U51PS004028-01 Revised, issued April 25, 2013, in the amount of \$27,225, which represents an additional 25 percent of the total anticipated funding award for the period of November 1, 2012 through October 31, 2013, bringing the total award received to date to \$81,675.

This funding supports a Viral Hepatitis Prevention Coordinator to plan, implement, oversee, coordinate, and evaluate Viral Hepatitis surveillance and prevention services provided by various Department of Public Health (DPH) programs and serve as liaison with the following agencies: the County Hepatitis C Taskforce; the County HIV Prevention and Care Planning Councils; various community-based organizations; and federal, State, and local stakeholders. The coordination of Viral Hepatitis services will enable DPH to continue to target high-risk populations for hepatitis testing and improve and standardize linkage to preventive and clinical care.

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The CDC is operating under Continuing Resolution Authority and, as a result, the total available funding for the 12-month budget period is contingent upon approval of the federal appropriation bill. When a final CDC budget is adopted by Congress and signed by the President, DPH may receive the grant notice for the remainder of the award.

County Counsel has reviewed and approved the NA as to use and this delegated authority action.

If you have any questions or require additional information, please let me know.

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c: Chief Executive Officer
County Counsel
Executive Officer, Board of Supervisors